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[1](#)1. (U) Per reftel, DCM spoke with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ambassador Bagudu Hirse on December 30 regarding reftel request and offer. Hirse underscored Nigeria's intent to deploy a full battalion to Somalia, and asked for a note verbale laying out our points so that he could take it up with his "higher authorities". Note has been forwarded to Ambassador Hirse.

[1](#)2. (U) Ambassador is attempting to reach Foreign Minister Ojo Madeukwe by phone, who is currently out of Abuja.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Comment: We have raised Nigeria's deployment of a battalion to Somalia and our willingness to supply equipment many times over the past year (reftels). Given Nigeria's track record to date on responding to this issue as well as the pending \$3 million the USG has promised Nigeria for military equipment, we doubt that the GON will move in a timely manner on this demarche, but we will continue to push the issue.
Sanders